

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1636**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Dakai Liu & Elazar Rabbani

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Title: VECTORS AND VIRAL VECTORS, AND PACKAGING CELL LINES FOR

PROPAGATING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: David Guzo

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> AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 25, 1999 OFFICE ACTION)

Dear Sirs:

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Please enter this response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116) to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 1999 in connection with the aboveidentified application. A response to the August 25, 1999 Office Action was originally due by November 25, 1999. This response is being accompanied by a Request For An Extension Of Time (3 months) and authorization for the small entity fee therefor, thereby extending the response deadline to February 25, 2000. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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